

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF WOMEN & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1267
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2025

ANGANWADI CENTRES IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

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Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Anganwadi Centres in Himachal Pradesh and the number of Mini Anganwadi Centres among them;
- (b) the difference between regular Anganwadi Centres and Mini Anganwadi Centres; and
- (c) whether steps are being taken to upgrade Mini Anganwadi Centres into full-fledged Anganwadi Centers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR)

- (a) The State of Himachal Pradesh has a total of 18925 Anganwadi Centres. There is no mini Anganwadi Centre in the State.
- (b) Earlier, there was a provision for setting up of Mini Anganwadi Centres. Population norms for opening of Anganwadi Centres including mini Anganwadi Centres are as follows:

Project	Population	No. of AWC
Rural/Urban Projects	400-800	1 AWC
	800-1600	2 AWC
	1600-2400	3 AWC
	Thereafter in multiples of 800	1 AWC
	150-400	1 Mini-AWC

For Tribal /Riverine/Desert, Hilly and other difficult areas/ Projects	300-800	1 AWC
	150-300	1 Mini-AWC

An Anganwadi Worker alone is positioned in mini AWCs and there is no provision of an Anganwadi Helper in mini Anganwadi Centres. Honorarium of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) at main-AWCs is Rs.4,500/- per month and at mini- AWCs is Rs.3,500/- per month.

(c) Government of India has taken a policy decision to upgrade all Mini AWCs to full-fledged Anganwadi Centres with one worker and one helper each to carry out various responsibilities more effectively under Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, keeping in view the importance of nutrition and Early Childhood Care & Education.
